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## AT OLD FT. CLATSOP.

In the center of the officers' cabin a fir stump stowed off smooth and flat for a table, was covered with maps of an empire and papers on which were jotted the first rough outlines of a new page of the world's history. Books were written in old Ft. Clatsop during that memorable winter of 1805-6, voluminous records of Oregon plants, trees, birds, beasts and fishes. Lewis and Clark here named rivers and measured mountains, and after wandering more than Homer's heroes, the weary explorers, were ready to carry back to the states a new geography which should electrify the world.—Eva Emery Dye, in "The Conquest."

## IF RUSSIA LOSE.

The harried czar, who reads day by day the tale of wrecked armies and perishing hopes in the Far East, now finds his attention sharply divided by the gloomy reports of his home police.

From Finland comes the story of a sudden boldness of action on the part of the secret patriotic societies; Poland reports the open defiance of the separatists; even the downtrodden Jews are credited with a general movement of unrest. The thought must inevitably break in upon the czar, as it has already struck the minds of Old World diplomats: If Russia lose, what then?

Messies the lost prestige in the family of nations and the weight of national shame which must be borne by this autocrat of all empires, the immediate effects of a defeat would strike in upon the very vitals of Russian state with a force almost impossible to estimate.

Of the manifold disasters resulting from a decisive trouncing at the hands of Japan, two would be of immediate effect and far-reaching influence. Their potency would doubtless shake Russia to its foundations.

The first of these, and one which seems to be giving premonitory warnings of its possible strength even now, would be the blow struck directly at the integrity of the empire. Russia is the greatest assimilator of all the nations. There are races recently conquered which are still in progress of governmental digestion.

The Finns, the Poles, the Circassians, Armenians, the peoples of Central Asia—these are the elements of Russian domination yet raw and unbroken, whose spirit of nationality is curbed only, not crushed.

How would these people receive the abasement of Russian arms, that visible sign of their subjection? Maybe this question even now finds place in the councils of Nicholas.

The failure of his armies to demolish the Japanese and rush in triumph to the very capitol of Japan, has wrung the heart of the czar and all his councillors.

When Kuropatkin left St. Petersburg to take command of the Russian army in the Far East, he boasted that he would dictate the peace of Asia in the palace of the Mikado, at Tokio.

How far he is from the realization of his dream, the tragic stories of Liao Yang, Shalke river, Yentai and Port Arthur's extremity of need, best tell the tale.

Never since the slav empire was founded did its existence seem to hang on such a slender thread as now.

A bitter and emphatic protest against the government transport service comes from the shippers of the Pacific coast. The shippers declare that the government should not maintain the transport service in time of peace, but should allow merchant vessels to handle the government's business, and thus encourage

shipbuilding and the shipping industry. The East Oregonian believes that if the government can handle its shipping by maintaining a transport service, free from graft and corruption, that it should do so. There are two many grafts in government transportation now. It costs three times what it should cost to transport the mails and if a line of government transports can save any money for the people and prevent some shipping trust from getting its clutches on the government, that is sufficient reason for its maintenance. There is more private business now than the lines of vessels can handle. They make a great howl about the government discouraging shipping by maintaining transports in time of peace, and yet the shipping trust refuses to invest its money unless it is first given a subsidy or assured of a government graft.

There is a sentiment in the Inland Empire against raising \$40,000 in public subscriptions to complete the portage road—the sentiment is not against the completion of the road, but against the contribution of funds under such uncertain authority as is now in charge of that estimable work. The people feel that as the Open River commission is only a voluntary organization, without bonded officers, or even a legal form of corporation, that \$40,000 is a large sum to give into its custody, no matter how high the individual standing of those composing the association. It is not business to do this, and that feeling is hindering the work of raising that much-needed fund. Lewiston, with characteristic energy, has solved the problem. The Lewiston Commercial Club will raise Lewiston's share of this fund, and it will be deposited in Lewiston banks until the portage road is completed, and the cars are running, when the fund will then be turned over to the state portage commission to help pay the cost price of the road. This is a suggestion that is worthy of thought in Pendleton. This is a work that should stimulate the best activity in the Inland Empire and the handling of the fund can be left to each locality, so there will be absolute safety and the most rigid business regularity in its collection and disposal.

Pendleton high school students, Pendleton club women, Pendleton teachers and Pendleton citizens generally, who attended the sessions of the teachers' institute just closed in this city, drew an imperishable inspiration from that massive and finished scholar, Preston W. Search, whose lectures on art and literature were such revelations. It is seldom that the Pacific coast has opportunity to receive, at first hand, the results of such earnest devotion to the study of art. His lecture on the greatest pictures was almost equal to a visit to the art galleries. His interpretation of art in so concise and clear and his soul so imbued with the meaning and unseen spirit of the world's masterpieces that to hear him speak on the subject is equal to a course of study in a studio of an old master. Mr. Search is a strong, earnest, inspiring, helpful man, and his lectures before the students of Weston Normal this week will be a refreshing oasis in the monotonous course of school life.

Jung Jack says the Morning Tribune is in error regarding the order to Pendleton Chinese to cut off their queues, and Jung Jack is the better authority of the two, on most any subject.

## SKIN DISEASES

Altoona, Pa., June 20, 1903.  
I was afflicted with Tetter in bad shape. It would appear in blotches as large as my hand, a yellowish color, and scale off. You can imagine how offensive it was. For twelve years I was afflicted with this trouble. At night it was a case of scratch and many times no rest at all. Seeing the good the medicine was doing, a friend who was taking it for Eczema, I commenced it, and as a result the eruption began to dry up and disappear, and to-day I am practically a well man. Only two tiny spots are left on the elbow and shin, where once the whole body was affected. I have every confidence in the medicine, and feel sure that in a short time these two remaining spots will disappear. S. S. S. is certainly a great blood purifier, and has done me a world of good. I am grateful for what it has accomplished, and trust that what I have said will lead others who are similarly afflicted to take the remedy and obtain the same good results that I have.  
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It was in Belgium that C. J. Murphy, better known as "Corn" Murphy began his propaganda under the auspices of the United States government, for the introduction into Europe of corn as food. That was in the year 1888, at which time the total exports of Indian corn from the United States amounted to only 24,000,000 bushels. By the year 1900 the campaign of education had borne such fruits that the exports had risen to 212,000,000 bushels, and the price of corn and the value of land in the corn belt had increased enormously.—Omaha Drovers' Journal.

## MINES IN KOREA.

Korea possesses gold mines whose output has increased from \$1,155,000 in 1898 to \$2,509,000 in 1902. It has also mines of iron, silver, copper, coal, etc. The greater part of the gold exported to Japan. Iron, although in large quantities, can hardly be said to be exploited. As a matter of fact, iron used in Japanese foundries comes from China. Coal of medium quality is equally abundant, but it is hardly exploited. Copper is extracted in several districts. During the last two years 564,433 pounds valued at \$51,044, were mined.

It is stated, in the Morning Journal, that the southern portion of Korea belongs to the crown, and that it is necessary to have a special authorization to develop it. A request for such a concession should be presented through the diplomatic representative of the country of which the petition is a resident. As a rule these requests are denied, owing to the Korean's dislike of foreigners, and there are many difficulties to be surmounted before work can begin.—Le Mercure.

Fire is still raging in the Beaver Hill coal mines at Marshfield and water is being pumped into them.



## SAFELY THROUGH MOTHERHOOD WITHOUT PAIN.

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